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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT - PLAN

1. FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR THE
SECRETARY'S SUPPORT DURING HIS VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT
TO LAGOS AND KANO MARCH 31, THRU APRIL 3, 1978. WHCA
PROVIDING PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT AT LAGOS
AND KANO.

2. DEPARTMENT PROVIDING LAGOS A FULL CAN DO TRANSPORTABLE
COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE INCLUDING THREE MODEMS TO ESTABLISH
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TWO FULL DUPLEX SECURE ON-LINE TELETYPE CIRCUITS BETWEEN
THE EMBASSY C&R AND DEPARTMENT ATS, AND A PROTECTIVE
RADIO PACKAGE. A TRANSPORTABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM (TTS
NO. 3) FROM NAIROBI IS AT POST
3. THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF THE CAN DO PACKAGE WAS SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE LAGOS VIA COURIER ROUTE 300 ON FEB. 25 AND THE
SECOND SHIPMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON MARCH 4.

THE RADIO PACKAGE FOR LAGOS WAS SHIPPED BY CONTROLLED AIR POUCH AND SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED FEBRUARY 25. THE RADIO PACKAGE FOR KANO WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LAGOS MARCH 4. PLEASE CONFIRM ARRIVAL OF ALL CAN DO AND RADIO EQUIPMENT BY PRIORITY CABLE.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED UP THROUGH RCA (SEE STATE 54087) ONE 75 BAUD FULL DUPLEX TELETYPE CIRCUIT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY C&R. THIS WILL BE OUR PRIMARY CIRCUIT. OUR SECONDARY AND BACK-UP ON-CALL CIRCUIT WILL BE ESTABLISHED VIA THE LOCAL WHCA VOICE SATEELITE STATION OVER A WHCA TIE LINE BETWEEN THE WHCA SWTCH AND THE EMBASSY USING MODEMS.

5. PROCEDURE FOR CALLING UP THE BACK-UP CIRCUIT. THE COMMUNICATOR NEED ONLY PLACE A TELEPHONE CALL OVER THE TIE LINE TO THE LOCAL WHCA SWITCH AND REQUEST A CONNECTION TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (ATS) TEL NOS. 632-6437 OR 632-3883, AND THE SAME TIME ADVISING THE LOCAL WHCA OPERATOR, AND IF NECESSARY THE WASHINGTON OPERATOR, THAT THE CALL WILL BE USED FOR TELETYPE TRANSMISSION. WHEN THE CONNECTION IS MADE THE COMMUNICATOR WILL COORDINATE WITH THE ATS CONTROLLER FOR MODEM OPERATIONS. CRO LAGOS IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE THIS WITH THE ON SITE WHCA TRIP OFFICER MR. MEL BAREFOOT.

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6. UPON INSTALLATION OF THE CAN DO THE CRO AND CEO SHOULD ARRANGE FOR A TEST OF THE BACK-UP CIRCUIT AS WELL AS ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC TESTS TO ASSURE ITS WORKABILITY WHEN NEEDED.

7. TARGET DATE FOR TEST AND ACTIVATION OF BOTH CIRCUITS IS MARCH 23 WITH DEACTIVATION DATE APRIL 3. TWENTYFOUR HOUR C&R OPERATIONS SHOULD START NO LATER MARCH 30 OR SOONER AT POST DISCRETION.

8. CEO-C KENNETH FERGUSON FROM ACCRA SCHEDULED ARRIVE O/A MARCH 21, CEO-T KENNETH HUBBARD FROM ACCRA SCHEDULED ARRIVE MARCH 28, CEO-R DOUGLAS RABIE AND ROBERT MASON FROM ACCRA SCHEDULED ARRIVE MARCH 28, CRO/AWC KEITH CHRISTIE FROM BONN SCHEDULED ARRIVE MARCH 16 OR 17 (TO ASSIST CRO AND PROVIDE EXPERTISE ON ATS OPERATIONS AND SECRETARIAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO SCO DUTIES), SCO YVONNE WHITE FROM LIBREVILLE SCHEDULED ARRIVE O/A MARCH 20, SCO JEAN HALL FROM YAOUNDE SCHEDULED ARRIVE O/A MARCH 25 AND ONE ADDITIONAL SCO FROM THE AREA SCHEDULED ARRIVE ASAP. TRAVEL PLANS AND ETA TO BE PROVIDED BY TDYERS.

9. UPON COMPLETION OF VISIT, THE CAN DO, TTS AND RADIO PACKAGES ARE TO BE CAREFULLY REPACKED IN THEIR SPECIAL CONTAINERS. THE TTS IS TO BE RETURNED TO NAIROBI (SEE STATE 260153 OCT. 77). SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CAN DO AND RADIO PACKAGES WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. VANCE

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